the bid money in Indian rupee of bank guarantee in lieu of fotcign bid bonds; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to accept bid money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The normal commercial practice followed by MMTC and STC for import of urea and other fertilizers is to accept bid bonds in US dollars only for the following reasons:

(i) To ensure better commitment from the foreign suppliers for delivery of contracted material;

(ii) Risk for sale thus rests with the foreign suppliers; and

(iii) in case of default, bid bond is realised in foreign currency.

Complaints against Employment of Super Bazar

710. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government against Deputy General Manager, Asstt. Manager, control room and other employees of Super Bazar relating to misbehaviour with MPs on telephone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted against these complaints;

(d) if so, the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Import/Export of Sugar during 1994-95

711. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Sugar imported during the period 1994-95; and

(b) the total quantity of sugar exported during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The total quantity (in tons) of Sugar imported and exported during 1994-95 is as under:—

Year	Import	Export
1994-95	1780779	40,883

(SOURCE: DGCI&S Calcutta).

New Pension Scheme for Private Sector Employees

712. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are. the salient features of the new pension scheme introduced by Government benefiting the private sector employees; and

(b) what would be the outlay for additional disbursements by the Central Government under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Employees' Pension Scheme for the EPF subscribers has been notified for implementation w.e.f. 16.11.95. The Scheme, *inter-alia,* provides for payment of monthly pension in the contingencies of superannuation, retirement, death, permanent total disablement etc. Minimum 10 years contributory service is necessary for being eligible to pension. Normal superannuation pension on completion of 33 years contributory